

## **SOMB Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on March 15, 2012 at the Bloomington Police Department, Bloomington, Illinois. Chairperson Alyssa Schafer called the meeting to order.

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Member(s):**

Alyssa Schafer, Michael Bednarz, Amy Campanelli, Simeon Kim, Pat Delfino, Sheryl Essenburg, Steve Goytia, Verlin Meinz, Annette Milleville, Tracie Newton, Abdi Tinwalla, Dick Winkler

#### **Non-Member(s):**

Alesia Crockett (Attorney General's Office), Officer Shawn Albert (Bloomington Police Department), Peggy Tuszynski (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Services), Tracy Tholin (9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Services)

### **ABSENT:**

#### **Member(s):**

Excused: Cara Smith, Carol Corgan, Mickie Owens, Lisa Stephens, Dustin Sutton

Unexcused: None

### **A. Welcome/Roll Call**

### **B. Review of Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2011**

A motion was made by Dr. Abdi Tinwalla and seconded by Steve Goytia to approve the minutes for the following meetings: November 17, 2011, December 16, 2011, January 19, 2012 and February 8, 2012. All Board members present approved the motion.

### **C. Legislative Update:**

Chairperson Alyssa Schafer provided an overview of the following legislation:

- SB3638 – Sex Offender Evaluation Provider
- SB3258 – Criminal Code: Child Sex Offenders
- SB3359 – Sex Offender Registration: Penalties
- HB3583 – Code of Corrections: Mandatory Supervised Release-GPS
- HB4005 – Criminal Code: Child Sex Offenders
- HB4670 – Sex Offender Registration: Fees
- HB5921 – Sex Offender Registration: WiFi

Visit the Illinois General Assembly's website at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) for more information on the legislation.

## **D. Discussion of Standards and Guidelines**

Dr. Abdi Tinwalla wanted to discuss the Sex Offender Evaluation Provider legislation (SB3638), what changes to expect and how will this work with the current Standards and Guidelines.

Alyssa Schafer stated that providers will still need to adhere to the SOMB Standards and Guidelines. The proposed recommendation is to merge the adult and juvenile qualifications. The Board expressed concerns regarding combining the qualifications. It was stated that the hours may be the same but the practices for juveniles and adults are differed. Alyssa agreed with their concerns but added that it will be the responsibility of each agency that hires a provider to make sure they have the required hours, licensure, etc. to provide services to juveniles or adults.

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR) will be responsible for the licensing process.

SB3638 requires IDFPR to issue the following three new professional licenses:

- *Sex offender evaluator*
  - *A person licensed under this Act to conduct sex offender evaluations. (Sec.10)*
- *Sex offender treatment provider*
  - *A person licensed under this Act to provide sex offender treatment services. (Sec.10)*
- *Associate sex offender provider*
  - *A person licensed under this Act to conduct sex offender evaluations or to provide sex offender treatment services under the supervision of licensed sex offender evaluator or a licensed sex offender treatment provider. (Sec.10)*

The Board will not be responsible for maintaining the Approved Provider list if SB3638 passes.

## **E. New Business**

The Board discussed possible trainings that would benefit the treatment and evaluation community such as Risk Assessments, Treatment, Sexually Violent Persons Evaluations and sex offender laws.

One of the trainings would include collaborating with IDFPR to provide clarity to SOMB Approved Providers regarding their obligation under SB3638, if passed.

## **F. Next Meeting:** May 17, 2012 – IDOC Videoconference: Chicago and Springfield

## **G. Adjournment**